

TURN LIGHT
ON RAILROADSInvestigation of Harriman
Lines Started Today By

COMMERCE COMMISSION

Charges Are General Violations of the
Interstate Commerce Relations and
the Sherman Anti-Trust
Law.

New York, Jan. 4.—The charges held against the Harriman lines, investigation of which was begun here today by Chairman Knapp and Commissioner Lane of the interstate commerce commission, are that they are in general violation of the interstate commerce relations and the Sherman anti-trust law. The entire scope and purpose of the investigation will not be revealed until the investigation is continued January 8 in Chicago, or later in San Francisco.

WOULD STAND BY TREATY.

Says Standard in Face of Japanese
Warring on United States.

London, Jan. 4.—The Standard which is regarded as an organ of the Somerville party this morning declares that England would stand by the treaty with Japan even in the face of a Japanese war with the United States.

CITY IS FIGHTING MAD.

Another Duel in Paris This Morning—A
Man Wounded.

Paris, Jan. 4.—The city seems fighting mad. Still another duel occurred this morning between Jean Gungi and Maurice Del Prato, noted duellists. They fought with swords and Gungi was wounded in the hand.

DIVIDED EQUALLY.

Estate of Alexander J. Cassatt is Esti-
mated at \$5,000,000.

Philadelphia, Jan. 4.—The estate of the late Alexander J. Cassatt, president of the Pennsylvania railroad is divided equally among his widow and three children. It is estimated at \$5,000,000.

TO ABOLISH BUCKET SHOPS.

Bill Introduced in Massachusetts Legis-
lature.

Boston, Jan. 4.—Senator Vahey this morning introduced the Logan bill of last year, designed to abolish bucket shops in accordance with the recommendations of Governor Guild.

Died at Banquet.

Boston, Jan. 4.—While attending a banquet to one of his successors at the Quincy house last night, former Mayor John B. Henderson of Everett, was stricken with apoplexy and died within a few minutes in an ante-room.

EAST CALAIS.

Riley Goodall was in Hardwick Saturday.

Mrs. Laura Dodge is working for Mrs. A. Dwinell.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Keniston were in Cabot Monday.

Mrs. Lewis Burnham was in Marshfield Saturday.

C. R. Dwinell was in Woodbury Friday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Marsh were in Hardwick Friday.

Mrs. Alice Wheeler was in North Montpelier Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Dwinell went to Montpelier Wednesday.

Four of the youngest children of Dan Brown's are very ill.

Elmer Brown and wife were visiting in Plainfield Friday and Saturday.

George Carter went to Groton Sunday to spend New Year with friends.

Mr. C. E. Bliss went to Granville Saturday to spend New Year with friends.

George Gurnsey was at home over New Year from his work at Newbury Center.

Ernest Wheeler and wife of Hardwick were visiting at Levi Wheeler's Sunday.

It is expected Rev. W. R. Stewart will preach for the Congregational people next Sunday.

Howard and Phiney Pike visited their sister, Frank Marsh, Sunday and Monday.

Mark Keniston, formerly of this place is reported quite ill at the home of his son in Cabot.

Mrs. Flora Stoddard and Mrs. Webb Oate of North Montpelier visited at Riley Goodall's Tuesday.

The Union Telephone Co. will hold its annual meeting at Cabot, Jan. 15th. A full attendance is desired.

The oyster supper at G. T. Hall, Tuesday night was well attended and was a success financially to the lodge.

Chester Bugebe and wife were in East Montpelier, helping care for the sick ones at F. J. Robbins' last week.

L. L. Provost and family of Hardwick were visiting her mother, Mrs. Byron Pierce, and other friends, Tuesday and Wednesday.

There are quite a number sick with the prevailing distemper; among them are Mrs. Eliza Bancroft, Mrs. D. B. Dwinell and Grace Bliss.

Miss Lou Whitney, teacher in the higher department at the village school, went to her home in Granville Saturday to stay over New Year's.

While Mrs. C. R. Dwinell was at Montpelier Wednesday she met with quite an accident. As she was in front of one of the drug stores a piece of snow and ice slid off one of the buildings striking her on the head and left shoulder, she was badly hurt and was taken into a drug store, where a doctor attended her. She returned home that night, and at this writing is as comfortable as could be expected.

SPECTACULAR FIRE
DAMAGE HALF MILLIONLarge Furniture Store Burned Last Night
and Whole City Block Was Threat-
ened—Four Firemen Were
Hurt.

New York, Jan. 4.—Fire destroyed the big furniture store of Cowperthwaite & Sons at Third avenue and 121st street last night entailing a loss of half a million dollars or more and causing the injury of four firemen, none seriously. The blaze, which started about six o'clock, quickly developed into the stubborn and most spectacular fire in Harlem for a long time. It blocked the Third avenue elevated line for hours at the time of its heaviest traffic and drew such immense crowds that many police reserves were called out to maintain order.

For a time the fire threatened the city block and it required three hours of hard work by the firemen to bring it under control. The establishment, a big five-story brick structure, was destroyed. The stock was valued at \$300,000, fully insured, and the building at much more. The fire started in the basement and explosions of various followed immediately.

About two hundred feet from the Cowperthwaite building is the Harlem police court and prison. The 58 prisoners set up cries of fear and were taken from their cells and paraded in the court until all danger was past. The Third avenue wall of the burning building fell across the elevated railroad structure, and the firemen who were fighting the flames from that vantage point were forced to leap to the ground. Capt. Lumme was slightly injured in falling. Another wall fell across 121st street and buried several small buildings.

RECONCILIATION REPORTED.

Between Duke of Marlborough and His
American Wife.

London, Jan. 4.—It is reported that a reconciliation has been effected between the Duke of Marlborough and his wife, formerly Consuelo Vanderbilt. W. K. Vanderbilt is said to have brought the couple together.

CABOT.

Mrs. Dow is sick.

Mrs. Julia Herrick is sick.

Mrs. Farnham is at work at T. T. Davis.

Leon Scott is putting in the ice for the Creamery Co.

Rev. E. K. and Mrs. Currier are at North Troy visiting.

Otis Rollins, a former resident here is in town calling on old friends.

Pinney Smith is sick and Dean Blodgett is driving Hatcher's order team.

Earl Howland went to Sandusky, Ohio Thursday.

Earl Rogers returned to Dartmouth college Friday after spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. G. Rogers.

The twenty-one-month-old child, Ruth P. Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Carpenter, died of pneumonia Wednesday night. The funeral was held this Friday afternoon at 1:00 o'clock at the house. Burial at Lower Cabot cemetery. S. G. Lewis of Hardwick officiated.

The regular masonic meeting was held Friday evening and elected the following officers: W. M. E. A. Thomas; S. W. E. A. Gould; J. W. Walter Ford; S. D. S. C. Woodry; D. T. H. Osgood; Treas. George Gould; Sec. E. D. Wadlow; Finance Committee, W. R. Marsh, W. R. Putnam, Herman Osgood.

BERLIN.

Mrs. Elsie House is on the gain.

Rev. Newton Perrin is visiting his father, D. Perrin.

Center Bates and wife spent New Year at Henry Perrin's.

Mr. Barney has just finished doing Charlie Martin's threshing.

William Wiley and family visited at William Curtis' over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean are visiting their daughter, Mrs. Dana C. Fraser.

Margaret Fell has been visiting her sister, who is teaching the East road school.

Mr. Albert House does not seem to gain as fast as her many friends wish she might.

Mrs. Clark Perrin and daughter, Nellie, called on a few of their many old friends in Berlin.

Arthur Corvel and Dr. Huse are canvassing the town for the Orange County Telephone Co.

The Christmas tree at the Corner church was much enjoyed by those who were able to attend. There were many sick with the prevailing distemper.

The Christmas tree at the pond school house was grand success. Rev. Mr. Fraser acted as Santa, and a fine jolly fellow was he. The same choir as at the church was present. Miss Zylphia Churchill also gave one of her fine selections.

The Popular Lorne Elwyn Company.

The theatre going public of Barre will be pleased to hear of the return of their favorite Lorne Elwyn company here all next week, beginning Monday, January 7th. Monday night the company has chosen for their opening play "Why Women Hate." This is a very strong bill and should receive a packed house. Monday night will also be ladies' night when they will see some of the best seats in the house for 12c. It is secured before the number of two hundred are gone. Tickets go on sale Saturday morning at eight o'clock at the Red Cross pharmacy. Get your ladies tickets now and be sure of a large list of vaudeville acts, including the great "David" the man who mystifies; Holmes and Holmes, the merry monarchs of music; Marlow; Wicks and Reed, the nutmeg trio in a little of everything; Mr. Thomas in new illustrated songs; Clara Hubert, the dancing and singing vaudeville; Sam Tharlow, the man in the white suit. Don't fail to see our \$75.00 fur lined coat now in Fitts' garment window. This beautiful coat will be given away next week by the Lorne Elwyn Co. Those who attend Monday night will receive two tickets on the road. Monday night will be the only night during the week that two chances will be given out.

ON VERGE OF
DESPERATIONNorth Dakota Towns Are In
Hard Shape

THEY LACK COAL AND FOOD

If a Blizzard Should Come at This Time
a Great Loss of Life Would Result
in the Territory Along the
Great Northern Railroad.

Minneapolis, Minn., Jan. 4.—Forty stations along the Great Northern railroad in North Dakota are on the verge of desperation, owing to a coal and food famine. The car congestion and snow blockades have cut them off from the world. The farmers are flocking to the cities to keep warm. A blizzard at this time would cause a great loss of life.

A COLD MONTH.

Mean Temperature for December Eight
Degrees Below the Normal.

Burlington, Jan. 4.—The general impression that December was an unusually cold, cloudy month is borne out by the figures furnished by W. H. Alexander, observer in charge of the local weather station. Mr. Alexander reports a mean temperature for the month of 17 degrees, the mean of the month for the past 22 years being 23 degrees. The thermometer did not, however, drop quite so low as it did in December of 1904, when a maximum of -14 was registered. The minimum for the last month was -12 on the 12th and the maximum was 45 on the 6th. The rainfall and melted snow amounted to 1.59 inches, the average precipitation for the month being 1.90 inches. The snow fall amounted to 17.9 inches. The prevailing wind was northwest with an average velocity of 12 miles per hour, and the maximum velocity was 49 miles per hour from the south on the 15th. There were only two clear days in the month. Six were partly cloudy and 23 were cloudy. Rain or snow fell on 14 days. Sleet was noted on the 6th and 15th and fog on the 8th and 21st.

SWEEEPING INVESTIGATION.

Is Promised in New York Corrupt Prac-
tice Act.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 4.—A sweeping investigation into the question as to the compliance with the new corrupt practices act by candidates and party committees concerned in the November election, is promised by the new attorney general, William S. Jackson, in a statement issued last night.

The statement was made in explaining his reasons for summarily revoking the designation by Attorney General Meyer on Dec. 28, of Gherardi Davis of New York to represent the attorney general in proceedings brought by the attorney to prevent corrupt practices at elections, against William R. Hearst to compel him to file more complete details as to the expenses of his campaign for election as governor.

CHILD FELL FIVE STORIES.

Struck on a Stone Sidewalk But Was
Not Badly Injured.

New York, Jan. 4.—Although she fell five stories and struck the stone sidewalk yesterday, Lena Kopp, five years old escaped with a few slight contusions. The child lives on the top floor of the five-story tenement. She was playing in the front room when her mother was looking and looking out the window she saw her daughter lying on the sidewalk. Her injuries were trivial.

BRAKEMAN LOSES LEG.

Fell Off Icy Cars at Newport Last
Evening.

Newport, Jan. 4.—Gerald Dailey, a freight brakeman employed in the yard force, fell between the cars last night and as a result will lose his right leg. Dailey was assisting in setting off the through train on freight and the accident was caused by the icy condition of the top of the cars. Dailey was removed to his home in West Derby, where medical aid was rendered.

Suicide in a Pantry.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 4.—Miss Ann Hill, aged 50 years, who lived alone at an apartment at 97 Fayette street, was found dead last night in the pantry of her home under circumstances pointing to suicide. One door of the pantry was closed tightly and the woman was found in a sitting position beside an open gas tube, which she had apparently held in her mouth until she became unconscious. Miss Hill was a woman of considerable means. No cause is assigned for the supposed suicide.

Are Recovering.

Vergennes, Jan. 4.—Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson, who were injured in the railroad wreck which occurred near this station December 1, and who have been at the Stevens house ever since, have so far recovered as to be taken yesterday to their home in atterbury. Dr. F. C. Phelps, district surgeon for the Rutland railroad, accompanied them.

Communication Notice Too Late.

Vicksburg, Miss., Jan. 4.—Will Harvey, a negro, was hanged at Mayersville, Miss., yesterday, three minutes before notice that his sentence had been commuted reached the sheriff of Issaquena county.

PLAINFIELD.

Mrs. Ada McKnight is working for Ezekiel Skinner.

Henry Kenney is reported to be seriously ill. George Nye is taking his place in the market of Octavia St. Cyr.

MATRIMONIAL TANGLE
IS BEING CLEAREDGeorge A. Bumps Married Again Within
Three Years After First Wife Got
Divorce—Wife No. 2 May
Sue for Divorce.

Burlington, Jan. 4.—George A. Bumps, alias George Alfred, who was arraigned in city court Wednesday, charged with having remarried within the three year period following the date of the granting to his former wife of a petition of divorce from him, was again in city court yesterday and pleaded guilty to State's Attorney Shepley. He was sentenced to serve not less than a year and a half nor more than two years in the house of correction at Rutland. The case was the first of its kind to be tried in the local court. The maximum penalty would be five years in state prison at Windsor. Bumps said that a year ago last summer he wrote to his former wife to find out how she was and that she replied, saying she had secured a bill of divorce from him in Rutland county court in April, 1904. Bumps' memory was a little cobwebby and he failed to furnish the bill. The place looked since the bill was wanted to wife number one. He accordingly wooed and won Gertrude Donovan, who is now in Milton. He admitted yesterday that he told her he had not been married. It is understood that she will take steps to have her marriage with Bumps annulled.

MOUNTAIN OF COAL

BURNING AT ST. ALBANS

Fire Has Thus Far Resisted All At-
tempts to Extinguish It—There
Were 2,000 Tons to
Start With.

St. Albans, Jan. 4.—The mountain of bituminous coal owned by the Central Vermont railway and stored in their yards, has now been burning for nearly three weeks, and all efforts to put out the fire have been unavailing. There were 2,000 tons of the fuel piled when the fire started and the articles of the fire started and the articles of the fire spread until it is all ash except the center from end to end. Tons of water have been thrown on it and in an effort to save what it can, a big steam shovel has been put to work and cars are being loaded and hauled away as rapidly as possible. The place looks like a miniature volcano, belching forth flames, gas and steam from a hundred different points. The fire started from spontaneous combustion.

STATE FOOD INSPECTOR.

Dr. L. P. Sprague of East Randolph
Has Been Appointed.

Burlington, Jan. 4.—The State board of health has appointed Dr. L. P. Sprague, at present on the staff of the Mary Fletcher hospital, food inspector and state analyst to work at the state laboratory in conjunction with the state board. Dr. Sprague will be at the head of a department created by the laws of 1906, which provides for the inspection of foods, drugs and other articles of common use. No appropriation accompanied the act of 1904, but the last Legislature provided an annual appropriation of \$2,500 for the department. The salary of the inspector will be paid from this appropriation and the balance will be devoted to the other expenses incidental to the prosecution of the work.

ARE AFTER APPOINTMENT.

Four Men Seek To Be County Clerk of
Windham County.

Battleboro, Jan. 4.—Frank E. Stove and R. C. Bacon of this town, A. W. Butler of Jamaica and Thomas O'Brien of Bellows Falls are candidates for the office of county clerk to succeed the late John H. Merrifield. The appointment of the county clerk is the prerogative of the county board, Frank Worden and H. B. Stove are deputy clerk and is acting as clerk pending an appointment. The salary is \$1,500. It is unlikely that the office will be removed from Battleboro, as this is the most convenient point in the county for the patrons of the office as a whole. Mr. Merrifield carried life insurance amounting to \$8,200. He took out a policy for \$1,000 the day before he died.

ARRESTS IN MONTPELIER.

There Were 163 During the Year, of
Which 117 Were for Intoxication.

During the year 1906 there were 117 cases of intoxication before Montpelier city court, 5 for truancy, 7 for larceny, 1 for assault, 3 for cruelty to animals, 2 for non-support of family, 7 for violation of city ordinance, 7 for selling intoxicating liquor, 13 for breach of the peace, 1 for assault and 1 for petit larceny, a total of 163 cases.

RUTLAND GROCER FAILS.

Joseph F. Mossey Has Liabilities of
\$2,026.05.

Burlington, Jan. 4.—Joseph F. Mossey, a Rutland grocer, filed a petition in bankruptcy yesterday. He has liabilities of \$2,026.05 and assets of \$1,650.05, of which \$350 is claimed exempt. Of the bankrupt's liabilities, \$846 represent secured claims, \$111.65 unsecured claims, and \$500 notes and bills which ought to be paid.

DIED IN PARIS.

John Cotton Brooks, Pastor of Christ
Church, Springfield.

Springfield, Mass., Jan. 4.—Word was received today that John Cotton Brooks, pastor of Christ church of Springfield, died in a Paris hospital last night while awaiting an operation.

NO MOTIVE
YET SHOWNWhy Andrew Farrell Should
Shoot Ira Bride

HIS TRIAL IS STARTED

Two Witnesses Say That They Saw Re-
spondent Shoot at Time Mrs. Chas.
Gilmore, a Bride of a Few
Hours, Was Wounded.

Rutland, Jan. 4.—The trial of Andrew Farrell, which was started yesterday in the village of Ira, is attracting a great deal of attention because of the peculiar circumstances of the case. Farrell is charged with shooting Mrs. Charles Gilmore and Mrs. Henry Gilmore at the residence following the former's marriage. The shooting occurred on the night of December 24, immediately after the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gilmore. Fourteen witnesses for the state were examined on the first day, the most important being Charles Gilmore and Charles Cranston, who claimed they saw Farrell fire the shot, and Joseph Peck, who testified that he loomed Farrell his 44-caliber rifle, from which the shot was fired.

Dr. J. R. MacGuire of West Rutland testified that the bullet struck Mrs. Gilmore's right arm between the elbow and the shoulder, two inches of the bone being completely destroyed. There was still danger, he said, that amputation would be necessary. The bullet lodged in Mrs. Henry Gilmore's shoulder, but he wound was not serious.

Charles C. Cranston, told of seeing Farrell attempt to come through the door before the accident and of the door being shut in his face. He claimed he plainly saw Farrell fire the shot. The state up to this time has disclosed no motive for the deed.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

Local Happenings Tensely Told for Busy
Readers.

New lot of table linen in Abbott's sale. Poultry show January 8, 9 and 10. Public dance M. W. A. hall Saturday night.

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Clearance sale begins Saturday at The Vaughan Store.

Bert Hutchins went to Northfield this morning on business.

J. Keefe of St. Albans was in town on business yesterday.

E. E. Nye of Plainfield was in the city on business yesterday.

Darwin C. Jones went to Montpelier last night on a business trip.

Children's lamplight night robes for 37c each, were 60c, at Perry's.

Tickets for the Blanchard recital went on sale at the Red Cross pharmacy today.

Mrs. Rosa Bonazzi arrived in the city this morning from an extended visit in Italy.

George Penn went to East Randolph this morning to attend the funeral of his father.

Ray Curtis went to Burlington this morning to visit friends at the university of Vermont.

Ernest J. Batchelder returned last night from a ten days' visit with friends in New York.

William Jamieson returned last night from a week's visit with friends in Plattsburg, N. Y.

John Early has finished work as conductor in the Central Vermont yard and has gone to St. Albans.

D. A. Meserve, who has been in the city on business for a few days, left for Colchester, O., last night.

Prof. O. D. Mathewson went to Burlington this morning to attend a meeting of the state board of teachers' examiners.

William Halvosa and Arthur Vivian returned to the Albany business college at Albany, N. Y., today, after spending the holidays at their homes.

There will be a meeting of the plumbers' union in the painters' hall Friday evening at 7:30. Election of officers will be held. Let there be a good attendance.

Dr. M. Andreani left this morning for Burlington to attend the class reunion of the class of 1903 of the Burlington high school.

Dr. J. A. Hall wishes to state that he has not been out of the city recently, contrary to an item printed in yesterday's paper.

Dr. Gable, who went recently to Williamstown to live with his niece, Miss Ann Eliza Pennington, sustained a shock last Sunday, one side of his body being affected. He is 76 years of age, and for that reason the shock went the harder with him.

Dr. fronts all resuscitation the Times published, informs all meeting di mercedo sent, sento il bisogno di mettere in quarantena la promessa fatta dal Barilay, di scrivere alle autorità del N. J. Chiodo quanta che il sindaco Barilay pubblichi immediatamente la copia della lettera che il drive avrebbe scritto, a Cavalazzi.

The millions of John D. Rockefeller enable the university of Chicago to secure the best educators in the country. Barre is fortunate in having the opportunity to listen to one of them on Friday evening of next week, when Mr. Frederic M. Blanchard will give the wonderful drama, "McNelly," at the Congregational church. Tickets, 35 and 50 cents. Proceeds for the benefit of the new library.

The Ministers' Monday club will meet at the Montpelier Y. M. C. A. Monday forenoon at 10:30 o'clock. The forenoon address will be on "Visiting the Sick" by the Rev. C. E. Freeman of Barre. The club will be entertained by the Rev. J. Edward Wright at dinner, and it is desired that as many members as intend to attend will notify the secretary. At the afternoon session, the Rev. W. J. O'Sullivan will speak on "The Issue Between France and the Vatican."

ROSS-FROST.

Former Barre Young Man Married at
Lorain, Ohio.

The marriage of George A. Ross of Lorain, Ohio, formerly of Barre, to Miss Maude L. Frost of Newport, N. H., occurred at the latter place Wednesday of this week. The Republican champion of Newport contains the following in regard to it:

"Miss Maude L. Frost, daughter of George E. Frost, who for the past two years has been clerking in a dry goods store at Claremont, was united in marriage at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Charles H. Stockwell, Wednesday, January 2, to Mr. George A. Ross, a granite dealer of Lorain, Ohio, by Rev. P. C. Grant. The ceremony was witnessed only by the immediate families of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by Mrs. L. B. Howard of Raymond, sister of the groom, and the groom was attended by E. S. Hadley of Canaan. Mr. and Mrs. Ross started immediately for their future home in Lorain, Ohio. The bride has spent most of her life in Newport, is a graduate of the Newport high school, and has many friends who extend best wishes. The groom was formerly a resident of Barre, Vt."

The many friends of the groom in Barre will unite in extending congratulations to him and to his bride. Mr. Ross has spent the greater part of his life in this city, where he is well known. He is now engaged in the granite manufacturing business in Lorain with Walter LeBaron and Fred Fagan, both of whom formerly resided here. The bride is also known to many people of Barre, having visited here several times.

BAIL FIXED AT \$12,000.

In Cases Brought Against L. Galliani
in Patterson, N. J.

Patterson, N. J., Jan. 4.—L. Galliani, editor of the Italian paper in Barre, Vt., who was arrested at that place and brought here to answer charges of complicity in the silk dyers' riot here in 1902 was arraigned on six indictments in the quarter sessions court yesterday. The defendant entered pleas of not guilty to all indictments and bail was fixed at \$12,000.

Two of the indictments are for assaulting a policeman one for shooting a reporter and three for malicious mischief. Galliani was remanded to jail in default of bonds.

IS VERY LOW.

Attorney J. P. Lamson of the Montpelier
& Wells River R. R.

Attorney J. P. Lamson of the Montpelier & Wells River railroad is very low at his home in Cabot, having been taken sick several days ago with pneumonia. His son, A. D. Lamson, was called home from Montpelier yesterday, and last night a council of physicians was held.

TALK OF THE TOWN.

East Montpelier Grange Is in a Satis-
factory Condition.

East Montpelier, Jan. 4.—District Deputy H. M. Farnham installed the recently elected officers of East Montpelier grange at the meeting held last evening, which was attended by seventy-five members. Following the installation, an oyster supper was served. The report of the treasurer showed a balance of \$100 and in view of this satisfactory condition, it was decided to purchase new paraphernalia.

HAD SUCCESSFUL YEAR.

Apollo Club of Montpelier Re-elects Its
Old Officers.

Montpelier, Jan. 3.—The Apollo club, Montpelier's child social organization, closed a year of unusual prosperity and successful last night. In place of a nearly empty treasury of one year ago, the treasurer reported that he has on hand \$554.04. The membership is now 219. In recognition of the good services rendered, the club departed from a usual custom and re-elected the old board of officers as follows: president, George O. Stratton; vice president, Ralph B. Denney; secretary, James T. Sabini;